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## SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant(s) duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that a copy of the U.S. reference listed on form PTO-1449 is not required since this application was filed after June 30, 2003 pursuant to 51 C.F.R. 1.98. Copies of foreign references listed on form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

Applicant would like to bring commonly-owned International Application No. PCT/US03/33832 filed on October 23, 2003; International Application No. PCT/US03/33711 filed on October 23, 2003 to the Examiner's attention. Copies of these applications are enclosed.

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The items listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of these particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

The filing of this information disclosure statement is not an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

- [] This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application.
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- [X] To the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this case.
- [] Enclosed herewith is a certificate under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1).
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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitte

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